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TAGS: BENC, HA
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: 2,000 TON PER DAY SUGAR PROCESSING MILL

REF: STATE 038066

1. FREDERICK LAPLANCHE IS PART OWNER OF A CANDY FACTORY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PORT AU PRINCE. THE EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO SUGAR PROCESSING PLANT IN ANSE-A-VEAU; NOR, IS MUCH SUGAR CANE GROWN THERE. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT MR LAPLANCHE TO FIND OUT THE DETAILS OF HIS PROJECT.

2. THE EMBASSY KNOWS NOTHING ADVERSE CONCERNING MR LAPLANCHE'S BUSINESS REPUTATION. HIS CANDY BUSINESS HAS BEEN TROUBLED FOR A YEAR BECAUSE OF SUGAR SHORTAGES. CANE PRODUCTION IN HAITI IS STEADILY DECLINING AND HAITI'S LARGEST SUGAR MILL, HASCO, OPERATES AT ONLY A QUARTER OF ITS CAPACITY. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A NEW SUGAR PROCESSING PLANT WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH POWERFUL HASCO FOR SCARCE CANE SUPPLIES.

3. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE PROJECT IMPLAUSIBLE AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE ARTHUR MCKEE COMPANY BE EXCEEDINGLY CAUTIOUS.
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